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1	VONNIE HOLIDAY: I, I did get	1	percent, 18 percent back. We're saying, okay if
2	a chance to look in on some of that and, you	2	you are losing money than in fact show us that.
3	know, the bottom line is this, you know. Two	3	And we are not opposed to restructuring. But they
4	years, two years ago the owners decided, um, to	4	refused to do that. They did not give us
5	basically go in, uh, the direction to lock us	5	You know, if, if that was the case all
6	out. And, uh, you know, that was evident by the,	6	this I heard some of the stuff that, that Jeff
7	the \$4 billion TV network contract that they, uh,	7	said and I don't remember any of that being
8	had with, with the, with the networks. And with	8	discussed, um, you know, at, at the board, by,
9	all, you know, Judge [DOTY?] ruled in our favor	9	by, by our executive committee, by our executive
10	on that, you know, because it, it was not in the	10	director. Uh, you know, we, we
11	best interests of the players.	11	Here's where we stand. You know, guys
12	So they've been preparing f-, for this	12	worked for the last Not only the 14 days or the
13	lockout for the last two years. So, uh, you know,	13	last five days, uh, but for the last two years
14	it doesn't get any bigger than that in terms of	14	our guys have been working, trying to get a deal
15	We, we, we had no problems with the CBA. We had	15	done because we want to play. We want to go to
16	no problems with where, where we were, you know.	16	work. You know, this was our last ditch effort.
17	We'd worked so hard as players, uh, you	17	We had to decertify so that we can assure that we
18	know, Gene, Gene Upshaw, all these people to, to	18	can have a season next year.
19	be where we are today. And it's unfortunate that	19	Because the only way we can sue, uh,
20	today we had to decertify the union and, uh, on	20	the NFL now, uh, is to de-, to decertify and
21	the verge of a lockout by the owners.	21	become individual proprietors. And that's where
22	INTERVIEWER: Vonnie, what do you want?	22	we are now. You know, our apologies to the fans
23	VONNIE HOLIDAY: We want a fair CBA.	23	but we've, we've exhaust, exhausted all our
24	That's it, you know. We The owners are saying	24	options. And this was, this was it for it.
25	that they're losing money and they want 18	25	INTERVIEWER: Vonnie you take on what
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1	Jeff Pash just said. Again Jeff Pash, we just	1	certain, you know, why are we giving money back?
2	heard from him, an NFL league negotiator, saying	2	Is there evidence that this needs to happen?
3	they offered to have no change from the schedule,	3	We have a system in place that works.
4	the current 16 game schedule for the next two	4	Show us why it does not work. And they refused to
5	years and then reduction in practice time,	5	do that.
6	contact drills, that sort of thing. Where does	6	INTERVIEWER: Vonnie Holiday, again 13
7	that sit with you and your fellow players?	7	years in the NFL, defensive lineman, player rep
8	VONNIE HOLIDAY: You know what, there,	8	for the Washington Redskins. Vonnie thanks for
9	there was some talk in the meeting about, well I	9	joining us on Sports Center.
10	guess we, we would call that low hanging fruit. I	10	VONNIE HOLIDAY: Always a pleasure.
11	mean we talked about, uh, the re-, reducing the,	11	· -
12	the, the work week and then how much we'd,	12	[END MEDIA]
13	contact we'd have throughout the week. You know,	13	
14	some of those things, yes, we did discuss that	14	
15	stuff but we didn't come up with any agreement.	15	
16	We talked about the importance of	16	
17	reaching back and helping out, uh, retired	17	
18	players. We, we, we discussed all of that. But at	18	
19	the end of the day, uh, the NFL, the, the owners	19	
20	wanted money. They wanted to, to change the, the	20	
21	breakdown, the percentages.	21	
22	And they would not give us the audited	22	
23	financial statements. And that's really big for	23	
24	us because, like I said, we're not opposed to	24	
25	giving money back but we need to know for	25	

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